

President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or by the President alone, or by a court of law, or by the head of a department, shall, within thirty days after the effective date of his appointment, file with the Comptroller General of the United States an affidavit stating that neither he nor anyone acting in his behalf has given, transferred, promised, or paid any consideration for or in the expectation or hope of receiving assistance in securing such appointment.

SEC. 2. No salary shall be paid to any individual required under section 1 to file an affidavit until such affidavit has been filed.

SEC. 3. That employees of the United States Veterans' Bureau who, upon original appointment, have subscribed to the oath of office required by Section 1757 of the Revised Statutes shall not be required to renew the said oath because of any change in status so long as their services are continuous, unless, in the opinion of the Director, the public interests require such renewal.

Approved, December 11, 1926.

Appointees to file affidavit with Comptroller General that no consideration has been given in securing the same.
Post, p. 1346.

No pay until affidavit filed.

Veterans' Bureau.
Renewal of original oath not required of employees.
R. S., sec. 1757, p. 313.

CHAP. 5.—An Act To amend section 8 of the Act approved March 1, 1911 (Thirty-sixth Statutes, page 961), entitled "An Act to enable any State to cooperate with any other State or States, or with the United States, for the protection of the watersheds of navigable streams and to appoint a commission for the acquisition of lands for the purpose of conserving the navigability of navigable rivers."

December 11, 1926.
[H. R. 9039.]
[Public, No. 527.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved March 1, 1911 (Thirty-sixth Statutes, page 961), is hereby amended by adding to section 8 thereof the following language:

"*Provided*, That in condemnation proceedings, heretofore or hereafter prosecuted, for the acquisition of lands under this Act, in which a decree is entered vesting title thereto in the United States upon payment of the award into the registry of the court, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make such payment when advised by the Attorney General that the proceedings and the decree are regular."

Forest conservation.
Vol. 36, p. 962, amended.

Payment of condemnation decree vesting title, authorized.

Approved, December 11, 1926.

CHAP. 6.—An Act To fix the salaries of certain judges of the United States.

December 13, 1926.
[S. 2858.]
[Public, No. 528.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following salaries shall be paid to the several judges hereinafter mentioned in lieu of the salaries now provided by law, namely:

To the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States the sum of \$20,500 per year, and to each of the Associate Justices thereof the sum of \$20,000 per year.

To each of the circuit judges the sum of \$12,500 per year.

To each of the district judges the sum of \$10,000 per year.

To the presiding judge of the United States Court of Customs Appeals, and to each of the other judges thereof, the sum of \$12,500 per year.

To the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and to each of the associate justices thereof, the sum of \$12,500 per year.

To the Chief Justice of the Court of Claims, and to each of the other judges thereof, the sum of \$12,500 per year.

To the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, \$10,500 per year, and to each of the associate justices thereof the sum of \$10,000 per year.

United States judges.
Salaries fixed.

Supreme Court.

Circuit.

District.

Court of Customs Appeals.

Court of Appeals.
D. C.

Court of Claims.

Supreme Court,
D. C.

Board of General Appraisers.
Post, p. 975.

To each of the members of the Board of General Appraisers, which board functions as the customs trial court, the sum of \$10,000 per year.

Monthly payments.
Effective date.

That all of said salaries shall be paid in monthly installments.
SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the first month next following its approval.

Approved, December 13, 1926.

December 15, 1926.
[H. R. 11119.]
[Public, No. 529.]

CHAP. 8.—An Act To alter the personnel of the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Public Utilities Commission, D. C.
Vol. 37, p. 995, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 97 of section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, and for other purposes," approved March 4, 1913, is amended to read as follows:

Composition of.

"PAR. 97. (a) The Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia shall be composed of three commissioners as follows:

Salary of appointees.

(1) The Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, and (2) two persons appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each of the appointed commissioners shall receive a salary at the rate of \$7,500 per annum.

Tenure of first appointees.

Of the two commissioners first appointed after the passage of this amendatory Act, one shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, commencing July 1, 1926. The terms of office of all successors shall expire three years after the expiration of the terms for which their predecessors were appointed; but any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Subsequent terms.

The commission shall at least biennially elect a chairman by a majority vote of its members. No commissioner, other than the said Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, shall, during his term of office, hold any other public office. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall furnish the Public Utilities Commission with suitable offices and quarters. No person, other than the said Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, shall be eligible to the office of Commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission who has not been a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia for a period of at least three years next preceding his appointment or who has voted or claimed residence elsewhere during such period. No person shall be eligible to the office of commissioner of said Public Utilities Commission who is, or who shall have been during a period of five years next preceding his appointment, directly or indirectly interested in any public utility operating, owning, or having an interest in property in the District of Columbia; or in any stock, bond, mortgage, security, or contract of any such public utility. If any such commissioner shall voluntarily become so interested, his office shall ipso facto become vacant; and if any such commissioner shall become so interested otherwise than voluntarily he shall, within a reasonable time, divest himself of such interest, and if he fails to do so his office shall become vacant. Before entering upon the duties of his office each commissioner, the secretary of the commission, the counsel of the commission, and every employee of said commission shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office, and shall in addition thereto make oath or affirmation before and file with the clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia that he is not

Holding other public office forbidden.

Residence, etc., required.

Ineligibility if interested in any District public utility.

Additional oath required for commissioners, employees, etc., of possessing no interest in any District public utility.